Ansel Nichols Mitchell was born in 1903, the son of William Ansel and Maude Nichols Mitchell. Maude was the sister of J. C. Nichols, a notable real estate developer. Maude's parents were Jesse T. and Joanna Jackson Nichols.

Helen Woods was born in 1906, the daughter of Robert P. and Bertha Dicken Woods. Robert was a civil engineer in Kansas City. Helen's sister, Dorothy, married Lester Castle in 1921.

Helen and Ansel married in 1929. They had four daughters: twins Jeanne and Joanna were born in 1930; Helen Woods Mitchell was born in 1934; and Margaret Patterson Woods Mitchell in 1936.

Ansel Mitchell began his career with the J. C. Nichols Company in 1912 as an office boy during school vacations. This continued until his graduation from the University of Kansas in 1925, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa in business. After graduation, he became a full-time employee of the firm's construction department. In 1929, Mitchell was made superintendent of construction and also a member of the company's board. In 1961, he became a vice-president. He retired in 1966. During his career with the Nichols Company, he supervised the development engineering for Indian Hills, Mission Hills, Prairie Village and other residential areas. He also worked as a partner with Edward Tanner, architect, in the firm Tanner-Mitchell, Inc. during World War II.
In the early 1970's, Mitchell and his supporters forced the J. C. Nichols Company to sell its stock to the public, instead of the stock being privately held within the family. Ansel Mitchell died in 1973.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains personal and financial papers, correspondence, news clippings, and photographs of Ansel and Helen Mitchell and their daughters. Also included is: information on their parents, William Ansel and Maude Nichols Mitchell and Robert P. and Bertha Dicken Woods; and documents and photographs relating to J. C. Nichols and his family.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL RECORDS

ca. 1930-1968

Mrs. W. A. Mitchell Income Tax Returns 1942
Mrs. W. A. Mitchell Income Tax Returns 1943-1948
Ansel Mitchell--Correspondence Concerning Professional Engineering License 1941-1948
Horner and Wyatt--Tanner and Mitchell 1942
Tanner and Mitchell 1943-1947
Tanner and Mitchell 1947
Ansel N. Mitchell Business Expense 1942-1948
Mo. Income Tax 1941-1943 Ansel Mitchell
Expired [Insurance] Policies 1940-1944 Incl., 1968
JCN-ANM [J. C. Nichols, Ansel N. Mitchell] Correspondence 1946
   concerning personal money matters
Ansel N. Mitchell--Property at 5307 Mohawk Lane 1929, 1930, 1936-1944 (2 f.)
Mission Hills Country Club 1947-1950 (2 f.)
Medical-Dental-Drugs-Hospital [Receipts] 1947-1950
Junior League--Mitchell 1933
Program--Junior League Follies 1934
J. C. Nichols, Jr. Baby Photos 1939
Misc.--Advancements, etc. 1964 (advancements in money)
   Mitchell, Starnes
Detective's Reports, etc. 1964 [James Starnes]
Gayle Clevenger 1964 [James Starnes]
Legal Documents 1964 [James Starnes]
Hospital Correspondence 1964 [Helen Mitchell Starnes]
Diary on Jim May-June 1964 [Starnes]
Starnes--Payment of Martha Ruble, Nurse 1964-1965
Beta Reunion 25 Mar. 1967
"Four Years at the Foot of Mount Oread" 1920-1960
Alpha Nu-Beta Theta Pi-Reunion 1959, 1960
University of Kansas Class List of 1925 Undated

BOX 002

BUSINESS, PERSONAL, AND FAMILY RECORDS
   ca. 1929-1972

Ansel N. Mitchell Trust-Helen W. Mitchell-Notice of Employer Identification Number Undated
Ansel N. Mitchell Trust-Ansel N. Mitchell-Notice of Employer Identification Number Undated
Ansel N. Mitchell Trust--Jabez and Joanna MacLaughlin 1969
Blank Application for Employer Identification Number, Internal Revenue Service 1968
Blank J. C. Nichols Stock Agreements 1971
Blank Trust Indenture--Ansel N. Mitchell 1969
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nichols
   includes obituary of Mrs. Nichols, history of the Shawnee Mission
J. C. Nichols Trust 1946, 1951
"Autobiography" Jesse Clyde Nichols c. 1950
   Correspondence to Maude 1956 with genealogy information; Maude's death
certificate and financial information on her death (1959); photograph of a woman
   and photograph of a man--unidentified.
Patt [Mitchell] 1958, 1960
   correspondence from Patt; budget
ANM--Receipts for Advancement 1966--Patt's Doctor Amount
Mr. and Mrs. Ansel N. Mitchell--Sale of J. C. Nichols Co. Capital Stock December
   1971
ANM Retirement 1966
ANM 5527 E. Mission Dr.
   Information on Mitchell's mother's estate 1959; remodeling bathroom 1963; loan
   1957
ANM/OP/Christmas Card List 1962-1964
Blank Agreement for Deferred Compensation [J. C. Nichols Co.] Undated
ANM Appraisals of Jewelry and Furs 1929, 1937, 1943, 1944, 1959
   Purchase of House at 5420 Baltimore
Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin 1964 [Purchase of Starnes Property]
MacLaughlin [Joanna Mitchell and Jabez MacLaughlin] 1951, 1954
   also a little on sister Jeanne
Ed Jackson Obituary Undated
Jackson History--Family 1960
   inquiry about a written history, most probably refers to:
   On Both Sides of the Line by Fannie (Oslin) Jackson 1835-1925: Her Early Years
   in Georgia and Civil War Service as a Union Army Nurse, copyright 1989 by
   Miller and Jeannette Nichols, Gateway Press
Castle 1964, 1965 [inventory]
ANM Trust No. 1--Trust Indenture-Helen W. Mitchell Trustee 1969
ANM Trust-Trust Indenture-Jabez MacLaughlin Trustee 1969
ANM Trust-Trust Instrument-ANM Trustee 1969
ANM Trust-Trust Instrument-Joanna MacLaughlin Trustee-Stock Power 1969, 1972
ANM Trust-Trust Instrument-Original 1969
ANM Trust-Helen Mitchell Trustee-Stock Proxys 1970, 1972; Shareholder's Minutes
   1972

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BOX 003

BUSINESS, PERSONAL, AND FAMILY RECORDS

ca. 1928-1973

Annual Report--J. C. Nichols Co. 1954-1957
Annual Report--J. C. Nichols Co. 1962-1964
Annual Report--J. C. Nichols Co. 1965
Personal Letters to and from Lester Castle 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951-1953
P. D. Castle 1928, 1929, 1943
1928, 1929--check register; 1943--obituary, correspondence
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 A-B
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 C
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 D
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 E-F
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 G-H
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 I-J
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 K-L
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 M
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 N, P, Q
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 R, S
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 T, V
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell Following Ansel Mitchell's Death 1973 W
Correspondence to Helen Mitchell from and about University of Kansas 1974, 1975
Dorothy Woods Castle--Personal 1928, 1945, 1951, 1953
Correspondence, receipts (Lester Castle)
Correspondence to Dorothy Castle from Robert P. Woods 1956
Carson, Pirie, Scott and Co. Christmas Catalog (for Lester Castle) 1956
Tax Data--Lester Castle-1951, 1953 (3 f.)
Tax Data Through August 7th 1953 Lester Castle
F. 1-3--cancelled checks, receipts
F. 4--Check registers 1939-1952
List of People Relating to J. C. Nichols Stock c. 1971
Tribute to Joanna Jackson Nichols on her 84th birthday 1938
one is signed by members of family
Mrs. J.T. Nichols, Joanna Jackson Nichols, obituary K.C. Times, January 7, 1947,
“Wars end with joy, Mrs. J.T. Nichols can recall celebration of 1865”, K.C. Star,
September 17, 1944, K.C. Star article January 5, 1947 about Mrs. Joanna Jackson
Nichols and her son J.C. Nichols.
Solid Waste Management Plan Kansas City, Mo. 1970
Executor Planning Booklet and Bank Deposit Slips 1967, 1968
sale of 5331 E. Mission Dr.
1967 Directory of Business and Investment Publications
General Photography Information
Blanks--Easement for Placement of Ornamentals and Plantings-Mission Hills; Stationery--Homes Association of Country Club District
Flood Problems in the Johnson County Area 1970 (Blue River and Tributaries)

BOX 004

BUSINESS, PERSONAL, AND FAMILY RECORDS

ca. 1936-1972

Johnson County Library 1971
Baby Book--Margaret Patterson Woods Mitchell c. 1936
Citation of Citizen Engineer Conferred upon Robert P. Woods 1953
Probate--Robert P. Woods Estate 1959
Indian Hills Homes Association 1970-1972
Travel Brochures--Trip to Orient 1966
Maps--Europe, Bavaria, Italy c. 1961
John Watson, Landscape Illumination 1964
Mitchell Stock Trust and Proxy Request 1964-1972
Correspondence re ANM Letter re Stock 1971
Correspondence to Miller Nichols (rough draft) concerning J. C. Nichols Co. 1971
Correspondence, Stockholders’ Minutes, Blank Trust Agreement, List of Stock Buyers, Notes 1971, 1972
1971 J. C. Nichols Stockholders Meeting Minutes and Proposed Resolution 1972
Banks re Acting as Escrow Agents--Stock Sale 1971
J. C. Nichols Annual Report 1971
Trust Indenture Forms 1969
Correspondence Relating to JCN Capital Stock Sale 1971, 1972
JCN Co Stock Sale 1971
Sale of Stocks Agreements 1971
JCN Co. Sale of Stock 1971
Rumors re Miller Nichols 1971
Correspondence to and from Jack Bertoglio Concerning Stock 1971
Correspondence from Bill Bruns, funding services and co. Stock Sale 1971, 1972
Peter Thompson, Merrill Lynch Sale of Stock 1971
ANM-HWM Income Tax Data 1959
ANM-HWM Income Tax Returns and Data 1961
ANM-HWM Income Tax 1963
Income Tax 1969, 1970
Helen Mitchell's Travel Diary 1962 (Europe)
School and Camp Brochures c. 1950

BOX 005

PHOTOGRAPHS / SCRAPBOOKS

ca. 1930s-1950s

Folder 1. Correspondence--Jeanne Mitchell c. 1940's
Folder 2. Correspondence/photographs--Jeanne Mitchell c. 1950's
Folder 3. Photographs-Jeanne and Joanna Mitchell, 1952
Folder 5. Scrapbook--Patt Mitchell 1951-1957
Folder 7. Wellesley College Scrapbook--Jeanne and Joanna Mitchell 1948-1950
Folder 8. Photographs of Family
Folder 9. Photographs of Nichols vacation, Cap K Ranch, Colorado 1959
Folder 10. Photographs of Family Travel, c 1930s-1950s (2 folders)
Folder 11. Photographs and Negatives of Family and Travel 1930's-1950's (4 folders)
Folder 12. Photographs--Dinner with Robert Woods; Negatives; Slides of Jeanne and Joanna Undated
Folder 13. 8 mm. film-Ansel Mitchell, 6 rolls

**BOX 006**

**CORRESPONDENCE, PERSONAL BUSINESS**

Folder 1. Correspondence to Helen Woods 1925-1927, 1929, 1930
Folder 2. Correspondence to Ansel Mitchell from Mother 1930; Beowulf; Dahlia News 1929, Food Notes (were all in same box)
Folder 4. Correspondence to Helen Mitchell (mother) 1944, 1952
Folder 5. Correspondence to Maude from J.T. Nichols, 1904; to Helen Mitchell from Clyde 1945
Folder 6. Sunday School Promotion--Helen Woods 1922
Folder 7. Trip to Europe 1923-Woods
Folder 9. Calling Cards and Invitations--Helen Woods c. 1920's
Folder 10. Theatre and Music Programs c. 1924-1926
Folder 11. Sorority Pledges 1926
Folder 12. University of Kansas 1926
Folder 13. Wedding Cards (Woods-Mitchell)
Folder 14. Ansel Mitchell (Delayed) Birth Certificate
Folder 15. Place Cards and Tallies--Helen Woods
Folder 16. K. C. Jockey Club Official Program c. 1928
Folder 17. Robert Patterson Woods Memoir by Engineers 1959
Folder 18. Information on Birmingham, Alabama 1928, 1929
Folder 19. "A Broken Song" Sheet Music
Folder 20. Mexican Playing Cards 1908
Folder 21. Theater Program 1954
Folder 22. ANM Calling Cards, Address Cards
Folder 23. Blank Stationery (Mrs. Ansel Mitchell)
Folder 25. Humorous Stories written by Josh Billings, "Dooley"; Bill Nye; Marshall Wilder
Folder 27. Information on appliances, 1960s
Folder 28. KC Section--American Society of Civil Engineers Suppemental Roster 1970-1971
Folder 29. Blank Job Cards and Elements of Cost, Time and Place Sheet
Folder 30. ANM Engineer License 1942
Folder 31. ANM--Engineering License 1948
Folder 32. Ansel N. Mitchell Retirement 1966 Key to City of Prairie Village presentation
Folder 33. Ansel N. Mitchell Retirement 1966 Johnson County Herald
Folder 34. Ansel N. Mitchell Retirement 1966 The Scout
Folder 35. Ansel N. Mitchell Retirement 1966 Kansas City Star and other notices
Folder 36. Newspaper--K.C. Flood 1951
Folder 37. Wedding Instructions--Mitchell-MacLaughlin
Folder 38. Miscellaneous
Folder 40. Clippings-Jessie Miller Nichols (Mrs. J. C.) 1951
Folder 41. Newspaper Clippings-Family
Folder 42. Newspaper Clippings-Marriage of Helen Woods Mitchell and James Starnes 1957
Folder 43. Mrs. Ansel Mitchell File (in small accordian file), undated: contains swatches of wallpaper, rugs; newspaper clippings

Folder 44. Envelope Portfolio containing newspaper clippings, samples of job printing for newspapers, and letters to newspaper editors, 1881-1900 (mentions a General Robert Mitchell)

BOX 007

PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1. Jesse Miller Nichols, 1916- portrait
Folder 2. Maude Nichols [Mitchell]- group portrait
Folder 3. J.C. Nichols-portraits
Folder 4. Bradford Academy, c. 1925
Folder 5. Ansel N. Mitchell ? –portraits
Folder 6. Ansel Mitchell, c. 1930s- photographic proofs, poor condition
Folder 7. Helen Woods Mitchell c. 1928, unidentified woman-portraits
Folder 8. Jeanne and Joanna Mitchell, c. 1930s
Folder 9. Silhouettes, Jeanne and Joanna Mitchell 1940
Folder 10. Family dogs and children, c. 1930s-1950s
Folder 11. Mrs. Joanna Jackson Nichols
Folder 12. Negatives
Folder 13. Nichols Family; Miller, Eleanor, family home 1936, 1941
Folder 14. Photograph Album, primarily Jeanne and Joanna Mitchell, 1930s-1950s
Folder 15. Joanna Jackson [Nichols]-group portrait
Folder 16. Joanna Jackson Nichols
Folder 17. 19th Century Photograph Album- Mitchell, Kenea, Thorn, names mentioned
Folder 18. Pugs, 1963
Folder 19. Trip, 1952?
Folder 20. Grant and Steven?
Folder 21. Postcard Collection (1 of 3)
Folder 22. Postcard Collection (2 of 3)
Folder 23. Postcard Collection (3 of 3)
BOX 008

PHOTOGRAPHS

Folder 1. Photographs--Nichols Family (?) Unidentified c. 1900, early 1900's
Folder 2. Photographs--Nichols/Mitchell (?) Unidentified c. 1900
Folder 3. Photographs--Nichols Family (?) Unidentified c. 1900
Folder 4. Photographs--Ansel, Helen Mitchell and Children
Folder 5. Photograph--E. Miller 1929
Folder 6. Photographs--Z. N. (?) and Fannie Jackson
Folder 7. Photograph--Joanna Jackson Nichols
Folder 8. Photograph--Maude Nichols Mitchell
Folder 9. Photographs--Clyde Nichols Family c. 1940's
Folder 10. Photographs--Family and Friends c. 1900-1950's
Folder 11. Photographs--J. C. Nichols family at Christmas c. 1930's
Folder 12. Photographs--J. C. Nichols High School picture (also Miller and Eleanor?)
Folder 13. Photographs--W. A. Mitchell
Folder 14. Photographs--Miller and Eleanor Nichols as children (?) c. 1917.
Folder 15. Photographs--Eleanor Nichols c. 1912, and Family c. 1940's
Folder 16. Photographs--Miller Nichols and family
Folder 17. Photographs--Miller and Clyde Nichols as children
Folder 18. Photographs--Nichols Family (and Mitchell ?)
Folder 19. Photographs--Ansel Mitchell: At age 10 (?); graduation from University of Kansas (1925)
Folder 20. Photographs--Ansel Mitchell: Childhood friends and unidentified adult (all undated)
Folder 21. Minnesota - Lake Darling, 1937
Folder 23. Taos, New Mexico, 1941
Folder 24. Louisiana - Grand Isle, 1946
Folder 25. Cruise to Haiti, 1947
Folder 26. New Orleans, Summer 1947
Folder 27. Bandera, Texas, Spring 1949
Folder 28. Waynesville, Missouri - Pippin Place, Fall 1949
Folder 29. Gulf Coast Trip, 1954
Folder 30. Mexico, April 1957
Folder 31. Mexico, February-March 1960
Folder 32. Mexico, February-March 1965
Folder 33. California, undated
Folder 34. Greenleaf Ranch, undated
Folder 35. Float Trips - James River, undated
Folder 36. Bennet Springs Park, Missouri, undated
Folder 37. Virginia, undated
Folder 38. ANM Trip - Falmouth, MA, undated

BOX 009

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL RECORDS

Folder 1. J.C. Nichols File: Obit information and clippings, 1950
Folder 2. J.C. Nichols Company: Miscellaneous papers, 1950's
Folder 3. Copies of pages from various engineering books, undated
Folder 4. J.C. Nichols Company: Charts and tables, 1950's (2 folders)
Folder 5. J.C. Nichols Company: Project notes, correspondence, plats, 1950's
Folder 7. Graphs and charts, 1950's
Folder 8. Equipment - Mitchell, 1937
Folder 11. Gifts Received or Given File: Mrs. Ansel Mitchell, index cards, undated; thank you notes, 1963; Robert P. Woods' obit, 1958
Folder 12. Various invoices, receipts and statements, 1963
Folder 13. Car rental contracts and maps - Ansel Mitchell, c. 1963
Folder 14. History of Linn County, Kansas by William Ansel Mitchell and some family history
Folder 16. West End Gang and "Mitch's Golf Ball Fiasco" 1966
Folder 17. Map--Johnson County, Kansas Suburban Area Undated (c. 1950); Greater Kansas City (c. 1950)
Folder 23. Receipts--Clothing 1952-1953
Folder 27. Clippings--Robert P. Woods 1950's
Folder 28. Clippings--Ansel and Helen Mitchell 1920's, 1950's
Folder 29. Programs--Second Presbyterian Church 1953, 1954
Folder 30. "Parking Requirements for Shopping Centers" 1965
Folder 31. Newspaper--End of WWII 1945
Folder 32. Newspaper-Kansas City Flood 1951

FLATBOX
Item 1. Photographs--Unknown, includes one drawing of woman
Item 2. Photographs--Ansel and Helen Wedding Photos
Item 3. Helen Woods Mitchell (mother) ca. 1940's or 1950's
Item 4. Maude Nichols in group of students
Item 5. Miller and Kay Nichols c. 1940's
Item 6. William A. Mitchell
Item 7. Photograph--Jeanne in Wedding Gown
Item 8. Wabash, Indiana street scenes c. 1900 (625kc-Woods)

OVERSIZE-ROLLED ITEMS (RC location 055370)
2) Maps of Country Club District, color illustrated 1930